



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
ESCONDIDO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION  
- SWORN PERSONNEL -  
AND THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO**

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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Escondido Police Officers' Association - Sworn Personnel

January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022

### ARTICLE 1 GENERAL

#### Section 1.01 Term

This Memorandum constitutes a statement of the terms and conditions of employment, including salaries, benefits and hours of work commencing January 1, 2021 through and inclusive of December 31, 2022. None of the terms are retroactive. All changes take effect upon the agreed effective date after City Council adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding.

#### Section 1.02 Intent

It is the intent of this Memorandum to provide for the continuation of the harmonious relationship between the City of Escondido and the Escondido Police Officers' Association.

#### Section 1.03 Purpose

It is the purpose of this Memorandum to provide a document setting forth the understanding reached by meeting and conferring in good faith on wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for members of the Escondido Police Officers' Association with the City of Escondido.

#### Section 1.04 Parties to the Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and entered into by and between the City of Escondido (hereinafter referred to as "City") and the Escondido Police Officers' Association (hereinafter referred to as "EPOA" or "Association").

#### Section 1.05 Recognition

The Escondido Police Officers' Association, pursuant to the Employer-Employee Relations Resolution adopted by the Escondido City Council on March 19, 1980, and in accordance with the procedures therein, was formally acknowledged on June 23, 1980, as a recognized Employee Organization for the bargaining unit and comprised the following classifications:

- A. Police Officer
- B. Police Sergeant

Section 1.06 Employee Rights

Employees of the City shall have the right to form, join and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations, including but not limited to wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment. Employees of the City also shall have the right to refuse to join or participate in the activities of employee organizations. (See *Relyea v. Ventura Co. Fire* (1992) 2 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 875.) No employee shall be interfered with, intimidated, restrained, coerced, or discriminated against by the City or by any employee organization because of their exercise of these rights. No employee shall be prohibited from exercising their right to resign from City employment at any time and nothing in this policy shall be construed as to abrogate that right. In addition, employees of the City shall have the right to the redress of grievances and complaints as set forth in Section 6.02 of this MOU. (Rule P-10)

A maximum of four (4) EPOA representatives can attend Meet and Confer sessions on work time with advanced approval by the supervisor.

Section 1.07 Management Rights

The rights of the City include but are not limited to the exclusive right to determine the mission of its constituent departments, commissions, and boards; set standards of service; determine the procedures and standards of selection for employment and promotion; direct its employees, take disciplinary action for just cause; relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; maintain the efficiency of governmental operations; determine the methods, means and personnel by which government operations are to be conducted; determine the content of job classifications; take all necessary actions to carry out its mission in emergencies; and exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and the technology of performing its work.

The exercise of such rights shall not preclude employees or their representatives from consulting with management representatives about the practical consequences that decisions on these matters may have on wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. (Rule P-10)

ARTICLE 2 SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

Section 2.01 General

All salary increases, including annual salary adjustments, when granted, shall be based on merit.

Section 2.02 Salary

**a. Police Officers will receive a 2.3 % across the board salary increase, implemented on January 8, 2023, the first day of first full pay period of the contract year.**

**b. Police Sergeants will receive a 3.6% across the board salary increase, implemented on January 8, 2023, the first day of first full pay period of the contract year.**

c. **Exhibit B, Salary Schedule, is repealed and replaced with the Attachment 2, Exhibit B, dated January 2023.**

d. Effective July 1, 1998, a Step 7 was added to the Police Officer salary table, maintaining the 5 percent (5%) differential for Step 6. Police Officers will become eligible for Step 7 on the beginning of the pay period closest to their 10th anniversary in the position of Police Officer with the City of Escondido **and shall have one year of service in Step 6.**

e. At the discretion of the Chief of Police, lateral police officers, upon appointment to the position of Police Officer and commensurate with their law enforcement experience, may receive up to five years longevity credit to be applied to the 10-year experience requirement for Step 7. Lateral police officers will become eligible for Step 7 on the beginning of the pay period closest to attaining the 10-year experience requirement (service with the City of Escondido.) The additional longevity, as may be granted by the Chief of Police, applies to no other benefits offered within this MOU

f. Salary is based on 2,080 hours a year.

g. CalPERS reporting of special compensation:

In accordance with CalPERS reporting requirements, special compensation will be reported to CalPERS separately from an employee's hourly base rate of pay.

h. **Exhibit B, Salary Ranges Effective January 2023 provides the new steps after removal of the bottom two steps and the addition of two new steps at the top of the salary schedule. Seven steps remain for Police Officers and six steps for Police Sergeants. A five (5) percent difference in steps will remain. Incumbents in Step 1, Step 2, or Step 3 in 2022, will move to the new Step 1 in Exhibit B. All incumbents will be placed at the closest new step that corresponds to their current base rate of pay, without a decrease. All incumbents will then proceed through the step system on their regularly scheduled step advancement date.**

i. **Following implementation of the new salary schedule, employees will be eligible for a step increase on their next regularly scheduled step advancement date. However, after regularly scheduled step advancement, all subsequent steps shall require one year of service in a step before advancement. The City will no longer provide step advancement after six months in Steps 1 or 2.**

#### Section 2.03 Field Training Officer Assignment Pay

Field Training Officer Assignment Pay shall be an additional 5.0% to the base rate of pay.

#### Section 2.04 Bilingual Pay

Compensation for certified verbal bilingual officers and sergeants is \$200.00 per month. An additional \$75.00 per month shall be paid for certified written bilingual skills.

The City agrees to “advanced” verbal bilingual pay compensation for officers and sergeants who score a minimum of Level 4 on the City’s bilingual testing criteria. These certified officers and sergeants are eligible to receive an additional \$50.00 per month, for a total of \$250.00 per month for advanced verbal bilingual skills.

The City reserves the right to establish eligible languages and the criteria for eligibility for this skill pay and shall verify through testing procedures developed by the City, that employees are eligible and qualified. This bilingual pay benefit shall only be authorized with the written approval of the Department Head.

**Section 2.05 P.O.S.T. Incentive Pay**

P.O.S.T Incentive Pay for both officers and sergeants is:

Intermediate Certificate:	4%
Advanced Certificate:	5.25%

Police Sergeants holding a P.O.S.T. Supervisory Certificate will receive 2% of base pay per month in addition to the P.O.S.T. Incentive Pay for Intermediate and/or Advanced certification.

**P.O.S.T. Educational Achievement Supplement**

The City agrees to an Educational Achievement Supplement to P.O.S.T. Incentive Pay provided to those officers and sergeants holding the P.O.S.T. Intermediate Certificate and having completed probation with the Escondido Police Department. The Educational Achievement Supplement will be paid in addition to the incumbent’s P.O.S.T. Certification Pay. The Educational Achievement Supplement will only apply when the educational achievement is greater than the requirements of the incumbent position.

Associates Degree	1% of base rate of pay
Baccalaureate Degree	2% of base rate of pay

**Section 2.06 Uniform Allowance**

Employees receive uniform allowance in equal amounts per pay period. The total amount is \$800 annually.

**Motorcycle Safety Equipment** - The City agrees to provide helmet, motorcycle pants, gloves, and boots for officers assigned to motorcycle duty.

**Face Shields** - The City agrees to provide face shields for all officers' helmets.

**Magazines** - The City agrees to issue magazines and cases to all uniformed officers.

**Detective Equipment** - The City agrees to provide departmentally approved weapons and nylon gear to those officers and sergeants assigned to the Detective Divisions. Replacement of damaged equipment will continue for those officers currently assigned to the Detective Division (Rule P-10).

## Section 2.07 Motorcycle Maintenance

Officers assigned to motorcycle duty shall receive an additional three and one half (3.5) hours each week worked to compensate for motorcycle cleaning and maintenance. Said time shall be counted as hours worked for overtime compensation purposes; this level of compensation is affirmed by the Bargaining Unit as appropriate to meet FLSA requirements.

By and through the Association, those unit members assigned to motorcycle duty agree that the above additional hours provided each week are reasonably necessary to provide for the cleaning and maintenance of the assigned motorcycle and that these additional “hours worked” are intended to compensate unit members assigned to motorcycle duty for all off duty hours spent cleaning and maintaining their assigned motorcycle, in compliance with the FLSA and interpretive cases and rulings.

The parties acknowledge that the FLSA, which governs the entitlement to compensation for motorcycle cleaning and maintenance, entitles the parties to agree to a reasonable number of hours per month for the performance of off duty maintenance and cleaning duties. The hours derived at in this agreement were determined after an actual inquiry of the officers assigned to motorcycle duty, as addressed by *Leever v. City of Carson City*, 360 F.3d 1014 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004.) It is the intent of the parties through the provisions of this section to fully comply with the requirements of the FLSA. In addition, all parties believe that this section of the MOU does comply with the requirements of the FLSA.

## Section 2.08 Canine Unit

The City and the Bargaining Unit Department agree to provide officers assigned Canine Handling Duty compensation in the form of four (4) hours of overtime compensation for every week assigned such duty. This level of compensation is affirmed by the Bargaining Unit as appropriate to meet FLSA requirements.

By and through the Association, those unit members assigned to canine duty agree that the above additional hours provided each week are reasonably necessary to provide for the care and maintenance of the assigned canine and that these additional “hours worked” are intended to compensate unit members assigned to canine duty for all off duty hours spent caring for and maintaining their assigned canine, in compliance with the FLSA and interpretive cases and rulings.

The parties acknowledge that the FLSA, which governs the entitlement to compensation for canine care and maintenance, entitles the parties to agree to a reasonable number of hours per month for the performance of off duty care and maintenance duties. The hours derived at in this agreement were determined after an actual inquiry of the officers assigned to canine duty, as addressed by *Leever v. City of Carson City*, 360 F.3d 1014 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004.) It is the intent of the parties through the provisions of this section to fully comply with the requirements of the FLSA. In addition, all parties believe that this section of the MOU does comply with the requirements of the FLSA.



## Section 2.09 Out-of-Class Compensation

An employee shall receive out-of-class compensation when working in a job class assignment higher than the current appointed class for a period in excess of 127.5 hours worked in the higher classification. An employee shall receive pay at 5% above their regular rate or the Step 1 of the out-of-class position, whichever is greater, commencing on the 127.6 hour of working out-of-class and for a period of no longer than six months at any one time.

## Section 2.10 Tuition Reimbursement

Within budgetary limitations, and subject to the criteria and limitations listed below, the City will reimburse 100% of tuition and related expenses, up to \$1,500 per employee per fiscal year for tuition fees.

A maximum of \$25,000 will be allotted annually for the use of tuition reimbursement for all POA members as outlined within this Article.

Professional development courses through non-traditional higher-education settings (e.g. professional law enforcement courses) are eligible for tuition reimbursement when such courses are approved in advance by Police Administration and taken on the employee's personal time. Tuition reimbursement shall be limited to \$500 per year, which shall be a portion of the \$1,500 maximum annual tuition reimbursement allowed.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. Course content is closely related to the employee's current classification and is designed to improve job performance, or would assist the employee in preparing for a promotional opportunity.
2. To receive reimbursement, it is encouraged that the employee pursues any approved courses or courses of study at an educational institution.
3. Reimbursement shall be 100% of amount of tuition fees.
4. Course is completed with a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) or its equivalent or by evidence of satisfactory completion.
5. Course is given by a school accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, accredited by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, accredited by an organization equivalent to the two previously listed organizations, approved by the Council for Private Post-Secondary and Vocational Education, or by an accredited high school.

### Tuition and Related Expenses

The following are eligible expenses within the meaning of "Tuition and Related Expenses":

1. Tuition and/or class fees and/or registration fees charged by an educational institution;

2. Books required for the course;
3. Miscellaneous mandatory charges such as health service and/or identification cards. (Parking charges are not considered required expenses and will not be reimbursed).
4. Transportation will be reimbursed as follows:  
  
When private vehicles are used and attendance is required by the City, mileage shall be paid at the rate authorized by IRS regulations.

#### Approval Process

Upon submittal, the Police Chief will note the recommendation and forward the application to the Human Resources Department for approval.

#### Exception Review

Applications which are not approved by the Chief of Police and the Director of Administrative Services may be submitted to the Tuition Review Committee.

The Tuition Review Committee will consist of:

City Manager or his designee

Director of Human Resources

Police Chief

One other Department Head (selected on a rotating basis)

By special request, the above-mentioned committee may also be petitioned for 100% reimbursement.

#### Limitations

Employees will not be reimbursed for that portion of tuition, books and mandatory fees which is reimbursed by a Federal or State benefit, grant, scholarship or other reimbursement program.

#### Reimbursement Procedure

Upon preliminary approval and successful completion of approved courses, employees may request reimbursement as follows:

1. Complete tuition reimbursement form.
2. Submit proof of payment of reimbursable items.
3. Submit school transcript indicating the grade achieved for the completed course.

## Section 2.11 Compensatory Time

At the employee's option, overtime earned after 40 hours in a week may be compensated by time off at the rate of time and one-half the hours worked.

Compensatory time off is subject to the needs of service and may not be taken without 24 hours prior approval by the employee's supervisor for a single shift or less, or 72 hours prior approval by the employee's supervisor for consecutive compensatory hours in excess of a full shift. Compensatory time shall not be granted in increments of less than 30 minutes.

The administration of compensatory time off shall be pursuant to the principles set forth in *Mortensen v. County of Sacramento* (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. May 24, 2004). Additionally, the following specific guidelines shall apply to use of compensatory time off:

1. An employee who has requested the use of compensatory time off shall be permitted to use such time within a reasonable period after making the request if the use of the compensatory time does not unduly disrupt the operations of the Police Department. A "reasonable period" shall be one year from the time of the initial request (see paragraph 3, below).
2. A non-rebuttable presumption exists that use of compensatory time off would constitute an undue disruption upon the operations of the Police Department, where the use of compensatory time off would cause Department-determined minimum staffing levels for any particular shift, to fall below said staffing level, and/or would result in an overtime expenditure.
3. If the Department is reasonably unable to schedule and grant use of compensatory time off within one year from the time of an initial request to utilize compensatory time off then the requested time shall be converted to cash and distributed.
4. The availability of another employee to work for a CTO applicant where the use of CTO would otherwise cause staffing to be below the designated minimum staffing level, shall not be a factor in determining whether or not the Department shall grant CTO usage.

There shall be an opportunity for a cash payout of all or a portion of accrued compensatory time at the request and discretion of the employee twice (2x) per year at shift change. (See Exhibit A.)

Compensatory time balances shall not exceed 80 hours, but may be maintained on an indefinite basis. When the maximum accrual balance is reached, cash payment for overtime will be automatic. Compensatory time balances shall be "cashed out" only at the time of termination.

## Section 2.12 Shift Differential

Officers and sergeants normally assigned to Swing and Mid Shifts will receive a shift differential of 2% of base rate of pay for all hours worked while assigned to the shift. Officers and sergeants

normally assigned to Graveyard Shift will receive a shift differential of 4% of base rate or pay for all hours worked while assigned to the shift.

#### Section 2.13 Investigative Pay

Officers and sergeants assigned to the Investigations Division as their regular duty assignment will receive an additional 5% to the base rate of pay. At the discretion of the Chief of Police, officers and sergeants assigned in other investigative functions within the Police Department may also receive the additional 5% to the base rate of pay. Investigative pay is only effective during the time the employee is regularly assigned to said division or fulfilling an investigative assignment as designated by the Chief of Police and will cease upon reassignment to a non-investigation duty.

#### Section 2.14 Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Pay

Officers and sergeants assigned to the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit shall receive incentive pay of \$100.00 per month.

### ARTICLE 3 WORK SCHEDULE AND OVERTIME COMPENSATION

#### Section 3.01 Work Period

For purposes of compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, a "7K Exemption" is declared effective as of April 15, 1985. Effective January 1, 2002, a 14 day, 80-hour work period is established.

For the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding, overtime shall be calculated on the basis of hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a seven (7) day period for those working the 14-day work period and in accordance with Section 3.02 of this MOU.

#### Section 3.02 Work Schedule

The work schedule is to be based on a 40-hour work week. The normal work week shall be four consecutive 10-hour work days, with three days off. Notwithstanding the above, when public or operational necessity or efficiency of the services is deemed by the City to require an other-than-normal work week, work day, or work schedule, such will be prescribed by the City.

#### Section 3.03 Overtime Definitions

##### NORMAL WORKDAY:

A Normal Workday, for the purposes of calculating overtime, shall be ten (10) hours in length. Hours worked for this purpose shall include vacation time off, holiday time off, sick leave, or any authorized time off. Training time, range time, court time, or other hours suffered to work during the normal scheduled workday shall be counted as part of the Normal Workday. Vacation, holiday, sick leave, or any authorized time off shall be deducted from the appropriate leave balances and pay will be granted at the rate of 10 hours for a full day.

### EXTENDED DAY:

Time worked as an Extended Day is work generated as part of the scheduled "Normal Workday" activity and immediately preceding or following the "Normal Workday." Extended Day hours shall be paid at straight time up to 40 hours in a seven (7) day period; and at time and one-half the "Regular Rate of Pay" thereafter.

### CALLBACK:

Any time worked excluding "Special Detail" (prearranged working time) outside the scheduled "Normal Workday" and not within the meaning of "Extended Day." "Callback" time shall be paid at the rate of a minimum of three (3) hours pay or actual time worked, whichever is greater, at time and one-half of the "Regular Rate of Pay."

### OFF-DUTY CONSULTATION CALL:

Officers and sergeants assigned as investigators, or assigned to special details as defined by the Chief of Police, when off duty, will be compensated with overtime pay in increments of 15 minutes when contacted by on-duty personnel regarding specific cases. Such contact shall be authorized by the contacting officer's supervisor.

### COURT TIME:

Time spent in preparation to appear in court, travel to and from court, and actual time spent in appearing or waiting to appear while at a court facility. Travel time shall be that time needed to reasonably travel from and return to the Escondido Police Department. Court time shall consist of "Court Time on Duty" and "Court Time Off Duty" as defined and subject to the compensation set forth below:

#### Court Time On Duty:

Court time on duty shall mean court time occurring during the "Normal Workday," "Normal Workday Overtime," or immediately following the "Normal Workday," and shall be compensated as such.

#### Court Time Off Duty:

Court time off duty shall mean any court time occurring at any time not included within the definition of "Court Time On Duty" and shall be compensated by payment of an amount equal to three (3) hours or actual time worked, whichever is greater, at time and one-half of the "Regular Rate of Pay." Effective January 1, 2001, compensation shall be increased to four (4) hours or actual time worked, whichever is greater.

#### Telephonic Court Time Off Duty:

Subpoenas for telephonic hearings where the officer is required to testify by telephone and not appear in-person will be compensated two (2) hours or actual time worked, whichever is greater, at time and one-half of the "Regular Rate of Pay."

### TRAINING:

Time spent involved in a training function which is prearranged and required by the Escondido Police Department. Training time will be counted as hours worked for "Normal Workday" except that time spent outside the scheduled working hours. Training scheduled by the department outside the "Normal Workday" shall be compensated at the rate prescribed as "Callback." Training scheduled immediately preceding or following the "Normal Workday" shall be paid at the rate prescribed for the "Extended Day." For the purpose only of clarifying an existing management prerogative, the Department may at its sole discretion, and in compliance with federal and state law, reschedule time off during the work period.

### OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL TIME:

- A. One-day Trip - Such travel time is normally considered work time. However, travel time between home and an airport or railroad station which is comparable to normal commuting time, and duty-free meal time, shall not be counted as time worked.
- B. Overnight Trips - (1) An employee traveling at the behest of the employer as a passenger on a public conveyance or in an automobile is considered to be working (except for regular meal period or sleep time), to the extent the travel time occurs during any portion of the employee's "Normal Workday", whether or not the travel occurs during normal working hours on an otherwise regular day off.  
  
(2) If the employee is required by the employer to drive an automobile as contrasted to being a passenger, all such time is work time except during bona fide meal or sleep time. If an employee is offered public transportation but requests and is given permission to drive his/her car instead, the employer may count as hours worked either the time spent driving the car or the time that would have qualified as work time if the employee had used the public conveyance, whichever is less.

### SPECIAL DETAIL:

Prearranged working time outside the scheduled "Normal Workday." "Special Detail" time shall be compensated at a rate of a minimum of two (2) hours pay or actual time worked, whichever is greater, at time and one-half of the "Regular Rate of Pay." However, "Special Detail" time worked contiguous to the "Normal Workday" shall be paid at the "Extended Day" rate.

### MINIMUM STAFF:

Time worked outside the schedule for "Normal Workdays" in order to maintain a minimum level of staffing. "Minimum Staff" time will be compensated at the rate of a minimum of two (2) hours pay or actual time worked, whichever is greater, at time and one-half of the "Regular Rate of Pay." For the purpose only of clarifying an existing management prerogative, the department administration may at its discretion establish minimum staffing levels.

## REGULAR RATE OF PAY:

For the purpose of this agreement, the term "Regular Rate of Pay" shall mean that established by statute or regulation by the Department of Labor which applies to local governmental jurisdictions. All overtime, except as expressly agreed upon, shall be paid at the "Regular Rate of Pay."

### Section 3.04 Attendance

Except as the City Manager requires to the contrary, all offices of the City shall be open for business from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on all days except Saturdays, Sundays and the designated holidays as set forth in this MOU.

All departments shall keep daily attendance records of employees which shall be reported to the Finance Department in the form and on the dates specified.

Employees shall, except as these rules provide to the contrary, work at least 42 hours per week. An employee whose duties require an irregular work schedule shall work according to a schedule recommended by their supervisor and/or Chief of Police and approved by the City Manager.

All employees shall be on duty at the times required by these rules with respect to hours, days of work and leave. However, an employee who is absent without leave and who fails to return to duty within 24 hours after receiving written notice to do so shall be deemed to have resigned from their position. Such employee automatically waives all rights under the Municipal Code and this MOU.

### Section 3.05 Shift Trades

Employees of the same rank shall be allowed to exchange days off under the following conditions:

1. Both parties to the exchange must be willing to make the exchange and must have the approval of the immediate supervisors concerned.
2. Generally speaking, exchanges of days off will be kept within the division, section, watch, and/or detail unless, on an individual basis, the commands of the parties to the exchange otherwise agree.
3. When practical, requests for exchange of days off shall be made in writing at least 5 days prior to the first day of the exchange.
4. An officer must report for the exchanged days off and, with the exception of illness, the officer who otherwise fails to report shall be carried absent without leave.
5. To avoid administrative problems, exchange of days off must be made within the same payroll period by both parties.
6. No exchange will result in overtime based on acceptance of the exchanged shift.

7. These exchanges must be made in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, when applicable.

## ARTICLE 4 BENEFIT PACKAGE

### Section 4.01 Health Insurance

- I. It is agreed that during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Association and City agree to delegate to the Health Insurance Committee (HIC), subject to the ultimate authority and decision of the City Council which may overrule any decision and shall not be bound by any recommendation of the HIC, the authority to manage the City's Health Benefits Program.

Membership on the HIC, as established in Rule 19 of the Personnel Rules and Regulations, be as follows:

Each bargaining unit with at least twenty-five (25) or more eligible employees shall have one representative on the HIC committee. The City's unclassified group shall provide a number of representatives equal to the total number of representatives provided by all bargaining units.

- II. Medical coverage provided by the City will continue to be the lowest cost HMO medical plan as recommended by the Health Insurance Committee and approved by the City Council, and

Beginning January 1, 2019, and thereafter, any medical insurance premium increases will be shared equally by the City and the employee for the lowest cost HMO medical.

**Current medical coverage rates are provided in Exhibit C, Sworn Police 2023 Benefit Summary.**

The proportional percentage change in premium each year for the base level of coverage (e.g. Kaiser) after changes in Plan Design by the HIC shall be represented in employee premium participation. (The following participation amounts shall be amended as soon as is reasonably possible.)

The City reserves the right to document, to the City's satisfaction, the status of each employee.

In the event that a majority of the Health Insurance Committee ("HIC") recommends to the City Council changes in the Health Benefit Plans that either provide the same level of benefit coverage for less cost or greater level of benefit coverage for the same or similar costs, the City will meet and confer with the Bargaining Unit as to implementation of the economic impact of the proposed changes.



- III. The City and the Association agree to a plan to generate cost savings for health insurance premiums in cases where employees are eligible for coverage under an alternate health insurance plan. Employees may waive a level of insurance coverage for themselves and/or their eligible dependents if they are covered under an alternate health insurance plan. If an employee waives insurance coverage at any level, savings result. To recognize the savings, the City and bargaining unit agree to rebate to the employee the amount of \$75.00 per month.

Proof of alternate health coverage is required by completing the enrollment/waiver form. Employees will be allowed to enroll during open enrollment or other times during the year as allowed by state/federal law.

Employees who are married or in a state-registered domestic partner relationship with another City employee will receive one (1) \$75.00 rebate. The spouse/domestic partner who is waiving coverage will receive the rebate. If the spouse/domestic partner is a non-sworn police employee and receives \$600.00 flex dollars, neither the employee nor their spouse/domestic partner is eligible for the \$75.00 rebate.

Employees will make contributions to health insurance coverage based on the insurance carrier selected.

#### Section 4.02 Dental Insurance

Beginning January 1, 2019 and thereafter, dental insurance premium increases, for employee only coverage, will be shared equally by the City and the employee.

**Current dental coverage rates are provided in Exhibit C, Sworn Police 2023 Benefit Summary.**

#### Section 4.03 Retirement Benefits

1. CalPERS 3% at age 50 Retirement Formula Employees:
  - Effective pay period end January 12, 2020, all current POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members will contribute an additional 1%, per Government Code 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost). POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members' total contribution will be 12%.
  - Effective pay period end January 26, 2019, all current POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members will contribute an additional 1%, per Government Code 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost). POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members' total contribution will be 11%.

- Effective May 20, 2018, all current POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members will contribute an additional 1%, per Government Code 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost). POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members' total contribution will be 10%.
  - Effective the pay period closest to and before December 31, 2013, all current POA Sworn Bargaining Unit employees will pay 100% of the statutory employee contribution to CalPERS, which will be applied to the Employees' Contribution and is currently 9.0%. These contributions will be on a pre-tax basis. The City will not pay for any employee contributions to CalPERS.
  - Effective the pay period closest to and before December 31, 2013, the City will reduce paying and reporting the value of the Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC) from 9.0% to 0% in the final year of employment. (Government Code Section 20692).
  - Effective by October 1, 2004, or as close as possible to this date, pending administrative processing by CalPERS, the City shall provide the CalPERS Section 21362.2, 3 percent @ 50 Formula retirement benefit.
  - Effective June 25, 1989, the City shall provide the One-Year Highest compensation PERS benefit.
  - Effective January 1, 1998, the City shall provide the Fourth Level of 1959 Survivors' Benefit (Section 21382.5).
  - Effective January 1, 1996, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible, the City shall provide the Credit for Unused Sick Leave Benefit (Section 20862.8).
  - Effective July 12, 1998, the City shall provide PERS Section 21024 Military Service Credit as Public Service benefit.
  - Effective July 1, 2001, the City shall provide PERS Section 21458 Pre-Retirement Optional Settlement 2 Death benefit.
2. Effective September 30, 2012, the City implemented a second-tier retirement system under Government Code Section 20475, for newly hired employees who meet the definition of Classic Employees under the Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA). The following will be applicable to the second tier:
- The City will provide Section 21362, the CalPERS 2% at age 50 retirement benefit formula.

- Effective pay period end January 12, 2020, all current POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members will contribute an additional 1%, per Government Code 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost). POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members' total contribution will be 12%.
  - Effective pay period end January 26, 2019, all current POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members will contribute an additional 1%, per Government Code 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost). POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members' total contribution will be 11%.
  - Effective May 20, 2018, all current POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members will contribute an additional 1%, per Government Code 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost). POA Sworn Bargaining Unit CalPERS members' total contribution will be 10%.
  - Effective the pay period closest to and before December 31, 2013, all employees shall pay 100% of the statutory employee contribution to CalPERS, which will be applied to the Employees' Contribution and is currently 9.0%. These contributions will be paid on a pre-tax basis. The City will not pay for any employee contributions to CalPERS.
  - In the final year of employment, the Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC) by the City will be 0%. (Government Code Section 20692).
  - The final compensation calculation shall be based on the highest average 36 consecutive months. (Government Code Section 20037).
3. Effective January 1, 2013, and in accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 340, Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) implemented a new benefit formula and contribution requirements for employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, and who meet the definition of a New Member under PEPRA. The following will be applicable to the third tier:
- The City will provide the CalPERS 2.7% at age 57 retirement benefit program.
  - Effective the pay period closest to and before December 31, 2013, all employees shall pay the Member Contribution Rate to CalPERS, currently 12.25%. These contributions will be paid on a pre-tax basis. The City will not pay for any employee contributions to CalPERS.
  - There will be no final-year concession of said payments to compensation for CalPERS benefit calculation purposes ('EPMC').
  - The final compensation calculation shall be based on the highest average 36 consecutive months.
  - All other provisions in accordance with AB 340 apply.

#### Section 4.04 Life Insurance

The City shall provide for the benefit of each employee, life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance in the amount of \$50,000 and \$1,000 dependent coverage (with the exception of a spouse who is also a City employee) in accordance with current life insurance company rules and regulations.

Employees may opt to purchase at employee's expense supplemental group term life insurance via payroll deduction, in accord with the group carrier guidelines.

#### Section 4.05 Voluntary Benefits

The City can offer voluntary benefits to employees at any time.

#### Section 4.06 Medicare Coverage

Employees hired by the City prior to 1986 desiring Medicare coverage will be responsible for the 1.45% employee share Medicare cost and the City will provide the employer-matching share of 1.45%. (This percentage is subject to change by Medicare.)

#### Section 4.07 Domestic Partner Benefits

Consistent with Federal/State Law, the City will provide Domestic Partner benefits.

#### Section 4.08 Same Sex Marriage Benefits

Consistent with Federal/State Law, the City will provide same-sex marriage benefits.

#### Section 4.09 Disability Insurance

Effective April 1, 2021, disability insurance through PORAC will no longer be payable by the City. The POA shall oversee enrollment and management of disability insurance.

### ARTICLE 5 PAID LEAVE

#### Section 5.01 Holidays

##### Holidays:

Every permanent, permanent part-time, and every probationary employee in the personnel system, shall not be required to be on duty on holidays unless the employee's services are needed and required in the interests of the public health, safety or general welfare, in which latter event, any such employee shall be entitled to an in lieu holiday or overtime pay, in accordance with this MOU. (Amended 3-80)

## DESIGNATED HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day  
Martin Luther King Day  
Presidents' Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Veterans Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Day After Thanksgiving  
Christmas Day  
(Amended 7-80)

For employees whose regular work schedule is Monday through Friday, when a holiday falls on a Sunday, it is observed on the Monday immediately following. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, it shall be observed on the preceding Friday. For employees whose regular work schedule rotates on a 7-day cycle, the actual holiday is the recognized holiday for holiday compensation purposes.

### Holiday Pay:

Employees whose regularly scheduled workday or work shift falls on a holiday and who worked such a holiday shall receive compensation as follows:

- A. Time and one-half for time worked, and, at the employee's option:
  - 1. Compensatory time off on a straight-time basis subject to the needs of the service and the prior approval of the employee's supervisor; or
  - 2. Straight-time pay for time worked.
- B. Employees whose regularly scheduled workday or work shift falls on a holiday and who call in sick on the holiday, or a part thereof, shall receive straight-time sick pay for those hours scheduled to work but not actually worked due to illness, and shall receive straight-time floating holiday hours.

### Floating Holiday Pay:

The City agrees to provide four (4) hours of Holiday Pay in lieu of the past practice of granting an informal four (4) hours off during the holiday season. This additional Holiday Pay shall be added to the employee's Floating Holiday Bank each year during the first pay period in October.

Section 5.02      Vacation

Annual Vacation Leave:

All probationary, permanent part-time and permanent employees in the service shall be entitled to annual full or prorated vacation leave with pay except part-time, temporary, and temporary seasonal employees in accordance with the part-time compensation plan. (Amended 3-80)

Earned Vacation:

Each eligible employee shall accumulate annual vacation from the date of hire at the rate applicable to their employment status as follows (Amended 1-84):

First 5 years of service	=	3.91 hours a pay period for 26.0893 pay periods
5 – 10 years of service	=	5.53 hours a pay period for 26.0893 pay periods
10 – 15 years of service	=	7.17 hours a pay period for 26.0893 pay periods
15 years and over	=	8.80 hours a pay period for 26.0893 pay periods

Effective July 1, 2007: Upon approval of the Chief of Police, Lateral Transfer Police Officers hired by the Escondido Police Department may be eligible to accrue vacation leave time at the rate of 5.53 hours per pay period (5-10 years) based on five years of full-time previous sworn law enforcement experience credit. The officer would be eligible to advance to the next vacation accrual rate level (10-15 years) after five years of service with the Escondido Police Department.

Lateral Transfer Officers with less than five years of other full-time sworn law enforcement experience, and upon approval of the Chief of Police, may be eligible to accrue vacation leave time based on their previous full-time law enforcement experience credit plus any service time with the Escondido Police Department. For example:

Upon hire, if a Lateral Transfer Police Officer has three years previous sworn law enforcement experience credit, the officer may begin to accrue vacation time at a rate of 3.91 hours per pay period (0-5 years). After two years of service with the Escondido Police Department (for a total of five years of law enforcement experience credit), the employee would then be eligible to advance to the next vacation accrual level, or 5.53 hours a pay period (5-10 years). After five additional years of service (seven total years with the Escondido Police Department), the officer would advance to 7.17 hours of vacation time per pay period (10-15 years).

Vacation Periods:

Vacation may be taken the first day following the completion of 12 months and may never be used in units of less than one hour. (Amended 3-80, Biweekly Accumulation)

- A. The times during an accrual year at which an employee may take their vacation shall be determined by the Chief of Police with due regard for the wishes of the employee and particular regard for the needs of the personnel system. If the requirements are such that an employee cannot take all of their accrued vacation within an accrual year, the balance may be carried forward to the next year. However, no Police service safety employee

may at any time accumulate more than 30 months of vacation credit. Vacation credit shall be forfeited if not taken within a 30-month period. For the purposes of this paragraph, accrual year shall commence on the entrance-on-duty anniversary date. (Amended 7-85)

- B. When an eligible employee intends to defer any portion of their accrued vacation to a succeeding 12-month period, subject to the provisions of this MOU, it shall be their obligation to advise their Chief of Police of that intent and the reasons therefore.
- C. No legal holiday that falls during an employee's vacation may be charged against the employee as vacation, and the leave shall be extended accordingly.
- D. Regardless of length of probationary service, employees who terminate shall be paid in a lump sum for all allowable accrued vacation leave earned prior to the effective date of termination.
- E. Allowable, accrued terminal vacation pay shall be computed on a prorated basis, taking into consideration the number of hours worked in the last pay period of employment.

#### Section 5.03 Sick Leave

##### Sick Leave-Personal Use:

Sick leave with pay shall be granted to all probationary, permanent part-time and permanent employees within the personnel system. Sick leave shall not be considered as a right which an employee may use at their discretion, but shall be allowed only in case of necessity and actual personal sickness or disability.

In order to receive compensation while absent on sick leave, the employee shall notify their immediate superior or their Chief of Police prior to or within two hours of the time set for beginning their daily duties. In the event that an employee has applied for sick leave use for four or more consecutive scheduled working days, the City may require a physician's certification as to the existence of an illness or injury that prevents the employee from working, and an approval of the employee's intended return to work. The City Manager may, however, require such certification or evidence the City deems necessary regarding sick leave use at any time. (Amended 7-80)

In no case shall the City require a physician's certification as stipulated under the Kin Care Leave Law.

"Evidence" as used in the prior sentence includes but is not limited to:

- A. An opinion from the treating physician as to the expected convalescent period, if any.
- B. Specific physical restrictions, if any, which bear on the employee's ability to perform his/her usual and customary duties or modified work assignments.

- C. A second opinion on the employee's condition from a physician or physicians of the City's choice (and at City expense) based upon independent medical evaluation(s) and/or review of the employee's physician's report. (Amended 1-83)

Sick Leave-Accrual Rate:

Sick leave shall be earned at the rate of eight hours for each calendar month of service and is earned also while on sick leave. Unused sick leave shall be accumulated indefinitely. (Rule P-3) (Note: The City will abide by, and in no case provide less sick leave than which is set forth in AB 1522, Healthy Workplace, Healthy Families Act (California Paid Sick Leave Act).

Family Assistance-Bereavement Leave:

All currently benefited employees' annual Sick Leave accrual may be used for Sick Leave, Family Sick Leave, Maternity/Paternity Leave, and Bereavement Leave for members of their immediate family. The immediate family shall consist of a member of the employee's immediate family or individuals whose relationship to the employee is that of a dependent or near dependent, member of the immediate household, or a person who is significant to the employee. In each such case the City Manager shall grant such sick leave only when, in his opinion, the relationship of the sick or disabled person to the employee warrants such use of sick leave. In addition to family sick leave, an additional five days of bereavement leave shall be provided if required, all of which is to be charged against the employee's accrued sick leave. Exceptions to exceed the above family leave provisions are subject to consideration by the City Manager on a case-by-case basis. In no event shall an employee be granted sick leave time to oversee children who are not ill (babysitting).

Family Leave: Effective January 1, 2016, the Kin Care Leave Law (Labor Code Section 233) was modified per SB 579. Per the Kin Care Leave Law and the City of Escondido, employees may now use up to one year of their sick leave accruals each calendar year for the following purposes:

- The diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventative care for, the employee's family member.
- The diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventative care for, the employee.
- An employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Child-Related Activities Leave: Employees can take up to 40 hours per calendar year (up to 8 hours per month) for child-related activities per labor Code Section 230.8. employees must use their available vacation, compensatory time, or holiday leave accruals and provide reasonable notice to their supervisor for the need of such leave.

Sick Leave-Termination:

Employees who terminate for any reason, including retirement, shall not receive cash payment for accrued sick leave. All eligibility for sick leave with pay shall be cancelled upon separation of the employee from the City Service. Provided that such separation is by layoff, this



accumulated eligibility may be restored to the employee in whole or in part by the City Manager upon reemployment. (Amended 3-80)

Sick Leave-Authorized Vacation:

Employees who are on authorized vacation and become ill, or otherwise disabled through accident not a result of vicious habits or intemperance, may charge such sickness or disablement to credited sick leave, provided a doctor's certificate is presented to Human Resources.

Leave-Conversion:

Sick leave accrual will be convertible on the basis that any unused sick leave accrued in any given year can be converted to vacation on a ratio of two sick hours for one hour of vacation.

Section 5.04 Military Leave/Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA Leave)

Military Leave/Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA Leave):

Military Leave/FMLA leave shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of Federal and State laws. All employees entitled to Military Leave/FMLA Leave shall give the City Manager an opportunity within the limits of Military regulations to determine when such leave shall be taken.

Upon verification of military orders, employees who are members of the military reserve or National Guard who have been called to active duty during national security, after the standard Military Leave Policy, shall receive the difference between the amount the employee would have received from their regular City gross biweekly wage (not including overtime) and the amount the employee receives from the military.

Health benefits will be continued for the employee and family. An employee would continue to pay their respective portion of the benefit programs (including any premiums for family coverage), unless benefits are waived.

Compensation:

Every employee ordered to take Military Leave who would have been required to work for and be paid by the City at the same time Military Leave is ordered shall receive their salary or compensation as an employee of the City in accordance with the provisions of State and Federal law.

Section 5.05 Jury and Witness Leave

Jury Duty:

Any employee who is called or required to serve as a trial juror shall be entitled to absent themselves from their duties with the City during the period of such service or while necessarily being present in court as a result of such call. Under such circumstances, the employee shall be paid their full salary and any payment received by them from the court for such duty. Employees

shall provide the Director of Administrative Services with a copy of the call to jury duty and other documentary evidence of service as required by the City.

Witness Leave:

Any employee who is called or required to serve as a witness shall be entitled to absent themselves from their duties with the City during the period of such service or while necessarily being present in court as a result of a proper subpoena. Under such circumstances, the employee shall be paid the difference between their full salary and any payment received by them, except travel and subsistence pay, for such duty. Witness leave will not be granted to employees who are litigants in civil cases or defendants in criminal cases. Employees shall provide the Director of Administrative Services with a copy of the legal subpoena and other documentary evidence of service as required by the City. (Rule P-6)

Section 5.06 Leave of Absence Without Pay

Leave of Absence Without Pay:

The City Manager may grant a permanent or probationary employee leave of absence without pay, seniority, or benefit accruals not to exceed six months. For special educational purposes, however, the City Manager may grant leaves of absence not to exceed one year, without pay, provided such study is related to City employment. When such special educational leave of absence is granted, the employee must agree in writing that they will return to regular, full-time employment with the City for a minimum of one year. No such leave shall be granted except upon written request of the employee, setting forth the reason for the request, and the approval will be in writing. Upon expiration of a regularly approved leave or within a reasonable period of time after notice to return to duty, the employee shall be reinstated in the position held at the time leave was granted. Failure on the part of an employee on leave to report promptly at its expiration, or within a reasonable time after notice to return to duty shall be cause for discharge. (Amended 3-80)

Upon receiving five days prior notice, the Chief of Police, may grant a regular employee in good standing, leave of absence without pay not to exceed 10 work days in a calendar month, without the employee having to first exhaust current leave balances. Such leaves shall be reported to the Director of Administrative Services.

When an employee is in a leave of absence without pay status due to having exhausted all accrued sick leave and vacation credit, their revised hire date or date of promotion for purposes of merit increases, sick leave and vacation credit, will be the number of calendar days absent added to their former hire or promotion date, whenever such leave exceeds 30 working days. In the event of leave of absence due to injury or illness, after all sick leave is exhausted, utilization of accrued vacation, compensatory time and/or floating holidays shall be at the option of the employee.

Maternity/Paternity Family Medical Leave Act/California Family Rights Act Leave:

Employees shall be granted maternity/paternity FMLA/CFRA leave in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. In all cases of pregnancy, the employee shall furnish the City a statement from her physician giving the anticipated date of delivery and the opinion of the physician as to her ability to perform her normal work assignment. Such statement shall be furnished as soon as practicable after a determination of the pregnancy has been made.
- B. A pregnant employee will be permitted to work as long as she is able to safely perform the duties of her position as recommended by the statement of her physician.
- C. An employee will be permitted to return to work when she is able to safely perform the duties of her position as recommended by the statement of her physician, based upon examination of her after childbirth. An employee must give notice two weeks prior to the date she wants to return to work. If she does not give two weeks' notice prior to the date she wants to return to work, the department shall not be required to return her to work until two weeks after she has given such notice.
- D. A pregnant employee shall be allowed to be absent for the period during which in the opinion of her attending physician and, where necessary, the City physician, she is temporarily disabled because of pregnancy, miscarriage, abortion, childbirth and recovery there from, in accordance with federal and/or state leave laws.
- E. The City may, at its option, and at City cost, require an independent medical opinion concerning the employee's ability to safely perform her duties.
- F. A temporarily disabled pregnant employee shall be entitled to use all accumulated paid leave time for maternity leave and such additional leave of absence without pay, seniority and accrual of benefits in accordance with federal and/or state leave laws.
- G. In the case of adoption and paternity/FMLA/CFRA leave, leave shall be in accordance with federal and/or state leave laws.

Section 5.07 Donated Leave

City Manager's Administrative Directive No. 24 outlines a policy which allows employees to transfer vacation to another employee who is experiencing unusual or extenuating personal circumstances and requires additional leave.

For the purposes of this MOU, when an employee is unable to work and thus receiving donated leave, they are to be considered assigned to day shift for pay purposes.

Section 5.08        Payments to Industrially Disabled Full-Time Employees Pursuant to Labor Code Section 4850

Consistent with Labor Code Section 4850, full-time employees are paid full salary in lieu of temporary disability payments when they suffer an industrial injury. Current administrative policy establishes a minimum of 90 days of payments pursuant to Section 4850 in those cases where an employee's industrial disability will result in disability retirement from CalPERS. This section affirms the current administrative policy. In no event should an employee receive more than one year of full salary of Section 4850 payments.

ARTICLE 6 WORKING CONDITIONS

Section 6.01        Physical Fitness Program

Off-duty recreational, athletic or social activities are not a reasonable expectation of employment and shall not be an express or implied requirement of employment. If the Department establishes a training event, i.e. a fitness for duty examination, fitness test, or approved martial arts training, then employee's training for such a specific event shall be considered a reasonable expectation of employment and compensable if an injury occurs. Similarly, injuries that occur while using Department exercise equipment shall be considered work related for the purpose of workers' compensation.

The Chief of Police may authorize an officer to participate in an exercise program, approved and monitored by a physician, while off duty. In this circumstance, the exercise program would then become a reasonable expectation of employment.

Section 6.02        Grievance Procedure

SUBSECTION 1.    Grievance Procedure: In the belief that the resolution of grievances is a constructive management action, a grievance procedure is hereby established. Such a procedure will give permanent employees assurance that the City recognizes their right to be heard and assist them in achieving job satisfaction. The purpose of this procedure is to provide a just and equitable method for the resolution of grievances or complaints without prejudice, coercion or reprisal.

SUBSECTION 2.    Definitions:

- A.    A complaint is defined as an allegation or charge against a party that an error or wrong has been committed, and is identified as a complaint when communicated to the supervisor or other appropriate designated representative. (Amended 7-80)
- B.    The complaint procedure is defined as the orderly process by which a determination is made as to whether or not a wrong has been committed.
- C.    A grievance is an expressed claim by an employee that the City has violated, misinterpreted or misapplied an obligation to the employee as such obligation to the employee is expressed and written in the City personnel ordinance, rules and regulations,

and administrative directives, and is identified as a grievance when communicated to the supervisor or other appropriate designated representative. (Amended 7-80)

- D. The grievance procedure is the process by which the validity of a grievance is determined.
- E. The term employee includes employees wherever applicable within this procedure.
- F. The term days, when used in this procedure, shall mean calendar days.
- G. A representative is a person who, at the request of the employee or management, is invited to participate in grievance conferences.
- H. A general grievance is defined as an expressed written claim by the employee organization that the City has violated, misinterpreted or misapplied a provision in a current memorandum of understanding which concerns items or procedures relating to the relationship between the City and the employee organization as a corporate body.
- I. The general grievance procedure is the process by which the validity of a grievance is determined.

**SUBSECTION 3. General Provisions:**

- A. No retribution or prejudice shall be suffered by employees making use of the grievance or complaint procedures; provided, however, no act or behavior which would otherwise subject an employee to discipline shall exclude the employee from discipline simply on the basis that a complaint or grievance is filed pertaining to that act or behavior. (Amended 7-80)
- B. The time limits established herein may be extended to a date certain by mutual written agreement.
- C. If management, at any step of the procedure, fails to respond within the prescribed time limit specified, the employee may process their grievance or complaint at the next step.
- D. If the employee, at any step of the procedure, fails to appeal the decision on a grievance or complaint within the prescribed time limit specified, such decision shall be deemed accepted and shall not be subject to further appeal or consideration.
- E. By mutual written agreement, a grievance may revert to a prior level for reconsideration.
- F. The employee shall be present at all steps of the grievance or complaint procedure.
- G. All communications, notices and papers required to be in writing shall be served personally or by the United States Postal Service.
- H. Management shall inform an employee of any limitation on the authority of the management representative to fully resolve the grievance.

- I. The employee is assured the right to consult with their supervisor, the Chief of Police or their designee, or the Director of Administrative Services, without prejudice, concerning the manner, form and/or procedure for filing a grievance.

SUBSECTION 4. Representation Rights:

- A. The employee has the right to the assistance of a representative of their choice in the investigation, preparation and presentation of a grievance.
  1. Representation may occur at any stage of the grievance procedure; provided that, prior to calling for representation at step one of the procedure, the employee shall discuss their grievance with the supervisor. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the employee may request a continuation of the informal grievance process (step one), to a mutually agreeable time within five days, to have the assistance of a representative.
  2. If the employee elects another employee as their representative, such representative shall not be released during working hours without the approval of their supervisor.
  3. The supervisor shall grant a reasonable amount of time off, provided such would not unreasonably interfere with or delay City work.
- B. Grievance conferences (between management and the employee) will normally be conducted during regular working hours at a mutually convenient time.
- C. The investigation of a grievance during working hours by an employee and their representative, if any, shall be in accordance with the following:
  1. Prior to entering any job site, the representative shall obtain the approval of the job site supervisor.
  2. There shall be no solicitation of grievances or employee organization membership.
  3. The investigation shall be conducted in a reasonable amount of time and expeditiously with due regard for the work requirements of the City.
  4. Where the investigation commences prior to the end of the regular workday and continues beyond the close of the regular workday, time spent after the close of the regular workday shall be the employee(s) own time.
  5. Entry will not be permitted if it would unreasonably interfere with or delay City work.
  6. All safety regulations relating to the presence or conduct of persons at the job site shall be complied with.

- D. The name of the representative of the employee or management shall be given to the other party not less than 48 hours prior to any grievance conference.

SUBSECTION 5. Complaint Procedure:

A. Step One:

1. The employee shall inform their supervisor of their complaint within ten (10) days after the employee knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, of the events giving rise to the complaint. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the complaint.
2. The supervisor shall, within five (5) days after receipt of the complaint, have a discussion with the employee concerning the complaint.
3. The supervisor shall, within five (5) days of the discussion, render a verbal decision to the employee.

B. Step Two:

1. Within five (5) days from receipt of the verbal decision from the supervisor, the employee, if they wish to appeal the decision, shall notify the Chief of Police of their intent to appeal the decision. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the complaint.
2. The Chief of Police or their designated representative shall, within five (5) days of the notification as required above, have a discussion with the employee concerning the complaint.
3. The Chief of Police or their designated representative shall, within five (5) days of the discussion, render a verbal decision to the employee.

C. Step Three:

1. Within five (5) days from the receipt of the verbal decision from the Chief of Police, the employee, if they wish to appeal the decision, shall notify the City Manager of their intent to appeal the decision. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the complaint.
2. The City Manager or his designated representative shall, within five (5) days of the notification as required above, have a discussion with the employee concerning the complaint.
3. The City Manager or his designated representative shall, within five (5) days of the discussion, render a verbal decision to the employee.

- D. Nothing in this section shall prohibit more expeditious handling of the complaint.

SUBSECTION 6. Grievance Procedure:

A. Step One - Informal Grievance:

1. The employee shall inform their supervisor of their grievance within ten (10) days after the employee knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, of the events giving rise to the grievance. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the grievance.
2. The supervisor shall, within five (5) days after receipt of the grievance, have a discussion with the employee concerning the grievance.
3. The supervisor shall, within five (5) days of the discussion, render a verbal decision to the employee.

B. Step Two - Formal Grievance:

1. Within ten (10) days from the receipt of the verbal decision from the supervisor, the employee, if they wish to appeal the decision shall submit a formal written grievance to their supervisor. The grievance shall be submitted on forms provided by the City's Personnel Office and in conformance with the procedures stated thereon. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the grievance.
2. The supervisor shall, within five (5) days of receipt of the grievance, schedule a grievance conference at a mutually agreeable time. A representative of the employee and/or management may attend this conference in accordance with Subsection 4 of this procedure.
3. The supervisor shall, within five (5) days of the grievance conference, render a written decision to the employee with a copy of the original grievance.

C. Step Three - Appeal:

1. Within five (5) days from receipt of the written decision from the supervisor, the employee, if they wish to appeal the decision, shall submit an appeal to the Chief of Police. The appeal shall be submitted on forms provided by the City's Personnel Office and in conformance with the procedures stated thereon, and include the supervisor's response, if any. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the grievance.
2. The Chief of Police or their designee shall, within five (5) days of receipt of the appeal, schedule a grievance conference at a mutually agreeable time. A representative of the employee and/or management may attend this conference in accordance with Subsection 4 of this procedure.



3. The Chief of Police or their designee shall, within five (5) days of the grievance conference, render a written decision to the employee with a copy of the appeals documents.

D. Step Four - Administrative Appeal:

1. Within five (5) days from receipt of the written decision from the Chief of Police or their designee, the employee, if they wish to appeal the decision, shall submit an appeal to the City Manager. The appeal shall be submitted on forms provided by the City's Personnel Office and in conformance with the procedures stated thereon, and include the original grievance and management's response, if any. Failure to complete this procedure will bar further consideration of the grievance.
2. The City Manager or his designee shall, within seven (7) days of receipt of the appeal, schedule a grievance conference at a mutually agreeable time. A representative of the employee and/or management may attend this conference in accordance with Subsection 4 of this procedure.
3. The City Manager or his designee shall, within seven (7) days of the grievance conference, render a written decision to the employee with a copy of all appeal documents.
4. The City Manager may, at his option, render a written decision based on the documents submitted for their review without the grievance conference within the time frame set forth above. If he does so, the employee may discuss this decision with the City Manager at a mutually convenient time, provided they request such meeting within seven (7) days of receipt of the City Manager's decision.
5. The decision of the City Manager shall be final, except where the grievance has resulted from a disciplinary action, in which case the employee may appeal their case to the Personnel Board of Review as permitted in the Personnel Rules & Regulations.

E. Nothing in this section shall prohibit more expeditious handling of the grievance.

SUBSECTION 7. General Grievances:

- A. In order to provide an effective mechanism whereby disagreements between the employee organization and Management concerning items or procedures relating to the relationship between the City and the employee organization may be effectively resolved, the following general grievance procedure is hereby established:
  1. Where the employee organization has reason to believe that management is not correctly interpreting or applying a relevant provision of a current Memorandum of Understanding, the employee organization may file a general grievance by requesting in writing that a meeting be held with the authorized representatives of the City who have authority to make effective recommendations for the resolution of the matter. Such written request shall set forth in detail the facts giving rise to

the general grievance and shall set forth the proposed resolution sought. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the general grievance, management will schedule a meeting at a mutually agreeable time for the purpose of discussing and attempting to resolve the disagreement.

2. Within fifteen (15) days of this meeting, management will submit its decision in writing to the employee organization.
3. If the employee organization is not satisfied with the decision, they may submit a request for hearing before the City Council. Such request for hearing must be submitted within fifteen (15) days of receipt of management's decision and shall include in detail the facts giving rise to the general grievance and all supporting documentation necessary for City Council consideration.
4. Management shall calendar on the City Council agenda such request and supporting documentation within thirty (30) days.
5. It shall be the option of the City Council to:
  - a. Refuse to hear the appeal, or make a decision on the documentation submitted; or
  - b. Hold a hearing after which they shall make a decision.
6. The decision of the City Council shall be final.

#### SUBSECTION 8. Grievance Documents:

No documents relating to the grievance process shall be filed in the employee's personnel file. However, this shall not apply to any document setting forth a disciplinary action which is not challenged or is sustained after an appeal. (Rule P-9)

#### Section 6.03 Drug-Free Workplace

The Association has consulted with its membership for purposes of ratifying the implementation of the Drug-Free Workplace and Locker policies.

#### Section 6.04 Probationary Testing Period

The probationary testing period for individuals hired in the police officer classification, shall be twelve (12) months, regardless of the hired police officer being a lateral hire or being an individual only having prior experience as a police academy graduate.

At the discretion of the City Manager, this probationary period may be extended for up to an additional six (6) months. Such extensions shall be set forth in writing prior to the expiration of the 12-month probationary period, and a copy of these extension notices shall be provided to the

employee and Human Resources Department no later than five (5) days prior to the date of expiration of the probationary period.

#### Section 6.05 Release Time

Designated members of the POA shall have paid release time for the following activities in the capacity of representing the POA and/or its membership:

1. Formally meeting and conferring with City representatives on matters within the scope of representation. The City shall release five members of the POA negotiating team one-half hour prior to the commencement of formal meet-and-confer sessions and permit them to continue preparation for the next session one-half hour following the conclusion of a formal meet-and-confer session. Release time will also be provided for grievance or disciplinary representation stated above. Release time will include individuals designated by the POA, and is based on receiving prior approval of the member's supervisor.
2. Testifying or appearing as the designated representative of the POA in conferences, hearings, or other proceedings before the Public Employment Relations Board, or agent thereof, in matters relating to a charge filed by the employee organization against the City or by the City against the POA.
3. Testifying or appearing as the designated representative of the POA in matters before the Personnel Board of Review.

The Association must provide reasonable notice to the City for the time off.

#### ARTICLE 7 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

Because the Americans with Disabilities Act (hereinafter "ADA") requires accommodations for individuals protected under the Act, and because these accommodations must be determined on an individual case-by-case basis, the parties agree that the provisions of this agreement may be disregarded in order for the City to avoid discrimination relative to hiring, promotions, granting permanency, transfer, layoff, reassignment, termination, rehire, rates of pay, job and duty classification, seniority, leave, fringe benefits, training opportunities, hours of work or other terms and privileges of employment.

The Bargaining Unit recognizes that the City has the legal obligation to meet with the individual employee to be accommodated before any adjustment is made in working conditions. The employee's Bargaining Unit will be notified of these proposed accommodations prior to implementation by the City.

Any accommodation provided to an individual protected by the ADA shall not establish a past practice, nor shall it be cited or used as evidence of a past practice in the Grievance/Arbitration procedure.

Prior to disregarding any provision of this agreement in order to undertake required accommodations for an individual protected by the Act, the City will provide the Bargaining Unit with written notice of its intent to disregard the provision, and if requested will allow the Bargaining Unit the opportunity to discuss options to disregarding the agreement.

ARTICLE 8 401(k) PLAN

The City and the Association agree to provide availability of, on behalf of employees, a 401(k) Plan. Administrative costs will be the responsibility of the City. Effective January 1, 2009, and for the duration of this MOU, the plan shall be funded by employee contributions only.

ARTICLE 9 MOU REOPENER – HEALTHCARE REFORM

At such time as regulations are issued implementing the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the City and Escondido POA will meet and confer to review the impact of such regulations on the benefits plans then in force. If modifications to the benefits, eligibility for coverage, employer or employee contribution to the cost of insurance or any other provisions of the benefit plans covered by this MOU will be modified or may be affected by the ACA during the term of this agreement, it is agreed that the City and Escondido POA will reopen the contract to meet and confer and determine how such mandated changes will be implemented, and to include addressing other health plan options.

Dated: December 7, 2022

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For the City of Escondido:

For the Escondido Police Officers' Association  
Sworn Personnel:

  
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Brad Fields, Esq.

EXHIBIT A



**CITY OF ESCONDIDO**  
**Memorandum**

September 11, 1998

TO: Mark Wisley, President Escondido Police Officers Association  
FROM: Jack Anderson, Deputy City Manager  
SUBJECT: Clarification of the Application of Shift Differential

The POA has expressed concern over the manner in which the shift differential as described in the current MOU is being applied. In letters of August 20 to Captain Moles and September 2 to me, you express a desire for these issues to be clarified through a meet and confer process. The City has agreed to meet with the POA to attempt to resolve the POA's concerns.

The language in the current MOU resulted from the negotiation process in July 1997 and was agreed upon by both parties. The intent of the parties was apparently unclear, thus the need for this side letter. This letter shall become an addendum to the MOU for ongoing definition of the application of shift differential.

Shift Differential:

Current MOU language:

**Section 2.13: "Effective July 1, 1998 ( or the pay period closest thereto) Police Officers and Sergeants normally assigned to Swing Shift will receive a shift differential of \$.50 per hour. Police Officers and Sergeants normally assigned to Graveyard Shift will receive a shift differential of \$1.00 per hour. Officers and Sergeants normally assigned to a shift in which differential pay is received shall receive compensation for such shifts based on the differential pay."**

Clarification:

1. Shift differential shall be effective for all paid time worked by an Officer/Sergeant whose normally assigned shift is compensated by Shift Differential.
2. Officers/Sergeants temporarily assigned to a work schedule in which the shift premium is in effect shall receive shift differential pay for all time worked on the temporary assignment.

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Police/Sworn 2021 – 2022  
Extended 1/2023-12/2023

Items in bold font identify updates in the one-year contract extension.  
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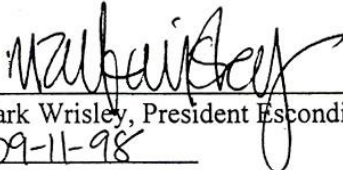
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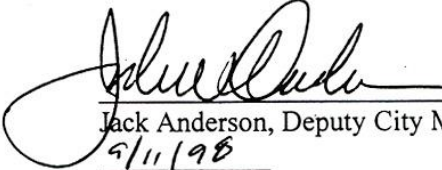
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Mark Wrisley, Escondido POA  
September 11, 1998  
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3. Officer-initiated shift trades as defined in Section 3.04 of the MOU shall not be compensated with shift differential pay unless the trade results in a new shift assignment eligible for differential.
4. Compensatory Time shall be banked hour-for-hour in accordance with the provisions of the MOU.
5. Compensatory time bank hours may be paid in cash to the Officer/Sergeant in accordance with Section 2.11 of the MOU with pay out of banked time to take place the last pay period of each shift change period. Such payoff shall be based on the Officer's/Sergeant's current assignment and pay rate at the time of the pay off.
6. Vacation and/or Sick Leave pay shall be accrued hour-for-hour and will be compensated in accordance with the Officer's/Sergeant's current assignment and pay rate at the time of usage.
7. Officers/Sergeants assigned to light duty due to a non-work-related injury, shall receive the rate of pay appropriate for the assigned light-duty shift.
8. Workers' Compensation time shall be paid in accordance with Workers' Compensation law.
9. This clarification to the Shift Differential provisions of the current MOU shall take effect September 6, 1998.

Agreement with the provisions as written:

  
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Mark Wrisley, President Escondido POA  
09-11-98  
Date

  
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Jack Anderson, Deputy City Manager  
9/11/98  
Date

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**Escondido Police Officers' Association**  
**Sworn Bargaining Unit**  
**Salary Ranges**  
**Effective JANUARY 2023**  
**Union Code: POL**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Police Officer</b>	<b>Police Sergeant</b>
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>7,474</b>	<b>9,915</b>
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>7,848</b>	<b>10,411</b>
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>8,240</b>	<b>10,931</b>
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>8,652</b>	<b>11,478</b>
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>9,085</b>	<b>12,052</b>
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>9,539</b>	<b>12,654</b>
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>10,016</b>	



## Exhibit C

### SWORN POLICE

#### 2023 BENEFIT SUMMARY

Benefit/Provider	Monthly Contributions		
	Coverage Level	City Pays	Employee Pays
Kaiser HMO	Employee Only	\$525.96	\$105.06
	Employee + 1	\$1,051.92	\$210.10
	Family	\$1,485.40	\$300.34
Kaiser HDHP w/HSA Note: The City will contribute to an employee's HSA: \$750 for Employee Only coverage; \$1,500 for Employee + 1 or Family coverage	Employee Only	\$434.66	\$77.92
	Employee + 1	\$869.28	\$155.84
	Family	\$1,227.14	\$223.32
Delta Preferred PPO	Employee Only	\$39.30	\$0.00
	Employee + 1	\$37.94	\$39.38
	Family	\$36.54	\$96.04
DeltaCare DMO	Employee Only	\$22.16	\$0.64
	Employee + 1	\$22.16	\$18.70
	Family	\$22.16	\$38.34
Anthem BlueView Vision	Employee Only	n/a	\$7.11
	Employee + 1	n/a	\$12.72
	Family	n/a	\$21.08
Critical Illness (The Hartford)	Employee Only Employee + Spouse One Parent Family Two Parent Family	n/a n/a n/a n/a	Rates vary based on age and coverage-See Benefits
Accident –Low Plan (The Hartford)	Employee Only	n/a	\$5.20
	Employee + Spouse	n/a	\$8.18
	Employee + Children	n/a	\$8.55
	Two Parent Family	n/a	\$13.51
Accident – High Plan (The Hartford)	Employee Only	n/a	\$8.09
	Employee + Spouse	n/a	\$12.74
	Employee + Children	n/a	\$13.46
	Two Parent Family	n/a	\$21.19
Hospital Indemnity Plan (The Hartford)	Employee Only	n/a	Rates vary based on age and coverage
	Employee + Spouse	n/a	
	One Parent Family	n/a	
	Two Parent Family	n/a	
ARAG – Legal Plan	Plan Membership	n/a	\$24.25
Supplemental Life Insurance (The Hartford)	Age rated coverage for self, spouse and children	n/a	Rates vary based on coverage
Group Life Insurance (The Hartford)	Basic Life and AD&D: \$50,000 Dependent Life: \$1,000	City pays full cost	No cost to employee
Section 125 Pre-tax Premiums, Medical and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts	Provider: TRI-AD Employee may set aside tax-free FSA \$ Annual minimum (both FSAs): \$240 Medical FSA annual max: \$2,850 Dependent FSA annual max: \$5,000		

## SWORN POLICE

### 2023 BENEFIT SUMMARY

Benefit/Provider	Description
Long Term Disability	Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)
Retirement Plan (CalPERS Defined Benefit Plan)	Employee and Employer share the cost Tier 1 Classic: 3% @ 50    Employee contribution rate = 12%    1 Year Average Tier 2 Classic: 2% @ 50    Employee contribution rate = 12%    3 Year Average Tier 3 PEPR: 2.7% @ 57    Employee contribution rate = 13%    3 Year Average
401 (k), 457 and Payroll Roth IRA Plans (MissionSquare Retirement)	Employee contributions to plans are optional
Health Insurance Waiver Rebate	\$75 per month for waiving at least one level of health insurance
Holidays	10 per year Plus, an additional 4 hours credited each October
Sick Leave Accrual	8 hours per month, no maximum accrual
Annual Vacation Accrual	Years of Service 1 to 5                    102 hours 5 to 10                  144.5 hours 10 to 15                187 hours 15+                        229.5 hours  Max Accrual: 2 ½ years
Work-Life Benefits	Employee Assistance Program (EAP) – counseling services The Hartford – Travel Assistance & Identity Theft Program 529 College Savings Plan
Employee Discounts	Gym Membership Dell Computers Apple Products AT&T, T-Mobile and Verizon Cellphones Working Advantage Program – entertainment discounts Fun Express – entertainment discounts Education Discounts: National University, Grand Canyon University and Waldorf University